

## **Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity**

### **Equal Opportunity in HUD-Assisted Programs (Title VI, Section 504, Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 109, Age Discrimination Act, and Title IX)**

Assures equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from HUD-assisted programs or activities without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, or age, and, in some instances, religion or sex.

**Nature of Program:** HUD programs must comply with federal laws prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs or activities.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 1 prohibit race, color, and national origin discrimination in the administration of programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance and imposing affirmative obligations on such programs or activities to remedy the effects of past discrimination.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8 prohibit disability discrimination and impose accessibility standards on housing and non-housing programs receiving Federal financial assistance.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations at 28 CFR Part 35 prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities in places of public accommodation.

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 136 prohibit age discrimination in the provision of services or programs receiving Federal financial assistance.

Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 6 prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, and sex for any program or activity funded in whole or in part with Title I Federal financial assistance.

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 3 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance.

Technical assistance is available to state and local agencies with civil rights problems in HUD-assisted programs. Recipients that are in noncompliance are given the opportunity to achieve voluntary compliance. If this fails, federal assistance for the program may be refused, terminated, or suspended. HUD may refer the matter to the Department of Justice for enforcement if efforts to achieve voluntary compliance are unsuccessful.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Any HUD-assisted program or activity, except contracts of insurance or guaranty, is subject to Title VI, Section 504, and the Age Discrimination Act. CDBG recipients are also subject to Section 109; HUD-assisted educational programs are also subject to Title IX. Any person or group suspecting discrimination in any HUD-assisted program because of race, color, national origin, age, or disability (and religion in the Community Development Block Grant program, and sex in HUD-assisted education programs or activities and the Community Development Block Grant program) may file a complaint.

**Legal Authority:** Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d); Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5309); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131); and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

**Administering Office:** Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

**Information Sources:** Administering office; Office of Enforcement and Programs, Compliance and Disability Rights Division.

**Current Status:** Active.